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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Renewal of Baker College as an Educator Preparation Institution with Probationary Approval

On November 8, 2011, the State Board of Education (SBE) granted probationary approval to Baker College to operate an educator preparation program and recommend graduates for certification for a three-year period, expiring November 30, 2014. In the 2013 Educator Preparation Institution (EPI) Performance Score, Baker College earned a designation of "At Risk for Low Performing". It should be noted that 2013 was Baker College's first year of eligibility to be held accountable by this system while under probationary approval. Baker College demonstrated sufficient improvement in the indicators assessed by the Performance Score to earn a "Satisfactory" status in 2014, and further anticipates that it will receive a recommendation for initial accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC), based on the results of a self-study and site visit, which was conducted in March 2014. Despite this trend of improvement, there is not a sufficient record of satisfactory performance as measured by the EPI Performance Score for me to support a recommendation to the SBE that Baker College be granted full approval before the expiration of the current probationary approval.

I am recommending an extension of Baker College's probationary approval to operate as an EPI for three additional years. An extension will allow Baker to conduct institutional improvements recommended by its Committee of Scholars with the goal of achieving multiple years with an EPI Performance Score of "Satisfactory" before earning full approval. Baker College will also be able to continue recommending graduates for certification without the uncertainty of operating under expired probationary approval.

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